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REP. MARKEY VOWS ACTION ON AVIATION SECURITY FAILINGS

Washington, D.C.: Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security made the following statement in response to a report card released by the Coalition of Airline Pilots Association (CAPA) detailing “gaping holes” in aviation security:

“While Americans empty their pockets, take off their shoes, walk through the metal detectors, take their babies out of their baby carriers and allow themselves and their bags to be rigorously screened, almost none of the cargo that goes on passenger planes is screened at all. I completely agree with the Coalition of Airline Pilots Association’s assessment that these aviation security measures deserve an F. This is an unacceptable loophole in our aviation security system and we need to work to make the grade in protecting the safety of passengers and airline personnel. I will continue to work to close these and other loopholes that leave our nation vulnerable to another terrorist attack.”

For more on Rep. Markey’s work to address loopholes in aviation security check out:
<http://www.house.gov/markey/>